KENT PARA-DISABILITY BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

1st – 2nd June 2024

DAY 1

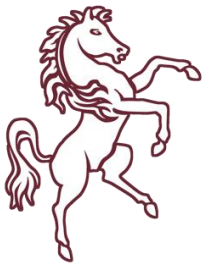
Competitive Tournament for players with Learning &/or Physical Disabilities

DAY 2 (half)

Team Relay Event (Mixed) for all Disabilities

OR

Free "Come & Try" Fun Badminton Festival for Beginners



KENT BADMINTON LTD
are pleased to announce our third

Para-Disability Badminton Tournament
on
Saturday 1st June 2024 (9am – 5-30pm)

Followed by a Fun Team Relay event
(for players with experience)
OR
"Come & Try" Fun Beginners Badminton Festival
on
Sunday 2nd June 2024
(10am – 2pm)

Medway Park Sports Centre
Mill Road, Gillingham, Kent ME7 1HF
Tel: 01634 336 655

TOURNAMENT EVENTS:
Men's & Women's Singles – S6, SL3, SL4 & SU5, WH1/ 2
& Players with a Learning Disability (LD)

Men's & Women's Doubles – As above
(Unclassified players can enter the tournament on Saturday as long as they have badminton experience)

TOURNAMENT SECRETARY & REFEREE: Jo Newson
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Entries Close: 14th May 2024

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Para-Badminton Tournament Regulations

These apply to the Para-Disability Badminton Tournament on Saturday 1st June 2024 only

1. The tournament is run in accordance with Badminton England 'General Regulations for tournaments' https://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/on-court/competitions-faqs/.
2. Any queries should be made in the first place to the tournament organiser.
3. Competitors must be a member of BADMINTON England (BE). Players who do not already have a current membership, can claim a FREE membership per the *attached* instructions from Badminton England

   If you are a BE member but have not signed in before, click "Forgot Password" and this will prompt you to get a reset link sent to your email address.
4. Entries must be by the online entry system and must be received, with entry fees, by the stated closing date. BOTH doubles partners MUST submit an entry. Competitors seeking a partner must enter 'Partner Wanted' but do so knowing they may be paired with a player of unknown standard/ability.
5. There is no physical disability classification for this tournament, however the recognised para badminton classifications can be found here: https://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/on-court/para-competition/disability-classifications/
6. Players with a Learning Disability:
   a. Will need to provide a player rating determined by completing the player rating form with your coach to assess your current level.
   b. Should be accompanied by a coach/individual nominated and present throughout the tournament.
7. Minimum age is 10 – date of birth on the day of the event. Players under the age of 16 must always have a parent/carer in attendance at the tournament. We recommend players between 16 and 18 years of age are accompanied by a parent/carer but must provide contact details for a parent/carer in the case of an emergency.
8. START / FINISH. The start times is 10.00am, please arrive at least 15 minutes before.
   - Arrival/Check In – By 10-00am (courts available from 9.30am)
   - Warm-up session 10-00am -11-00am (non-competitive games to assess level)
   - Singles start time 11-00am – 2.00pm (including Finals)
   - Doubles start time 1.30pm – 5.00pm (including Finals)
9. FORMAT
   a. Open Singles and Open Doubles
   b. Players to indicate on entry physical/learning disability and playing level/experience.
   c. Games will be arranged to assess level, followed by a competition draw.
   d. Scoring to be decided by organiser on the day based on entry. Rally point scoring shall be used.
   e. The period for knocking up before any match shall not exceed THREE minutes.
   f. Categories/classifications will be combined depending on standard and entry.
   g. Service in the first game will be decided by the hitting of a shuttle into the air dependent upon which way it faces when it lands.
   h. The winning pair in the first game will serve first in the next (if applicable) .
10. WITHDRAWAL. Notification of withdrawal must be given immediately to the Referee or Tournament Secretary and confirmation must be sent in writing. No refund is due if withdrawal is within 48 hours

11. Gold & Silver Medals will be presented for each event run.
12. Hybrid feather shuttles will be used.
13. BE or the organiser will not be liable for any expense incurred as a result of this event being cancelled or postponed. All expenses are at the sole risk of the competitor.
14. Where the Laws & Regulations do not govern, the Tournament Referee's decision shall be final in all matters, including concerns around health & safety or safeguarding of players, volunteers, staff.

TEAM RELAY (Sunday)

The Team event starts at 10am on Sunday 2nd June and is based upon all members of each team playing in a series of 'mini-matches' and challenges, with a cumulative team/match score.

This is a format that was used at the Youth Olympics in 2018 – Have a look at the final on this clip https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=fmeA6QTlCnM. The Team Relay match starts at 3:31:30 on the clip. We won't be following quite the same format as they used in Buenos Aires, but we will be using a similar structure for our event.

- All of the players will be placed into a team based upon their player rating
- All of the teams will be 'balanced' in terms of playing standards, so each team will include players from across the rating spectrum
- Each team will consist of 4-6 players dependent upon entries
- Each team will be assigned a coach for this event
- Each match will consist of a pre-determined mixture of doubles and singles games each up to a set number of points to be determined on the day according to entries.
- The winning team will be the first to reach an agreed score, the target number of points will be decided on the day dependent upon the number of players and games involved.
- This event will either be run on a knockout or round robin basis, dependent upon numbers.
- All players in the team must play and there will be restrictions on how many games any one competitor can play
- Awards will be presented to all members of the winning teams.

Events

All experienced players can enter a maximum of two events on the Saturday plus the Team Relay on the Sunday.

Head Coaches and Athletes - We would like to encourage all players to play in the Singles & Doubles Competition plus the Team Relay. If you are looking for a partner for the Doubles please contact us about this and we will try to help.

FESTIVAL INFORMATION (Sunday)

Never played badminton before but want to try it out? There will be coaches on hand to guide you through some games in a fun, non-competitive environment.

Free, come and try badminton session, to provide a fun introduction to the sport for disabled players, including friends/family.

Drop-in and have a go anytime from *'10am – 2pm'*.

We also hope to have some sporting wheelchairs on hand as well so can cater for a range of abilities. (Please advise Jo Newson – joannanewson@yahoo.com beforehand if you need one).

GENERAL INFORMATION

We are extremely fortunate that this event is being supported by the GB Para Badminton Squad & Badminton England's with players/coaches travelling down to Kent from Sheffield to help facilitate and run this event on the Saturday.

Lorraine Brydie (from the Anders Disability Badminton Charity) and Lesley Uphill (from Canterbury Kings Disability Badminton Club) will be running the Team Relay on Sunday.

This event is deliberately not being sanctioned under BWF rules and regulations as these have been found to be too inflexible in format. Kent Badminton Ltd are therefore sanctioning the tournament which allows us much more freedom to ensure a balanced and friendly competition.

The first part of Saturday morning will be used to get people mixing and playing in a non-competitive environment which will help us to review whether we have players in the correct categories to try and ensure a fair and balanced competition later in the day.

Kit, shoes and equipment

All competitors must be appropriately dressed and wearing non-marking indoor sports shoes.

Officials decisions and etiquette

a) The Officials decision is final at all times
b) All players, coaches and spectators are asked to respect the efforts of all of the players and volunteer officials throughout the day
c) Players are asked to acknowledge their partner, opponents and officials at the conclusion of each match (bump elbows or tap rackets or bow)
d) Spectators are asked to show their appreciation of the efforts of all players throughout the day.

Venue

Please note that the venue for this event is Medway Park, Mill Road, Gillingham, Kent ME7 1HF. Medway Park is fully accessible & accredited under the inclusive Fitness Initiative equipped for disability sport with wheelchair friendly changing rooms.

Any questions about the venue please contact Medway Park on T: 01634 336 655 or email medwaypark@medwaygov.uk

*There is plenty of free parking available on site but don't forget to enter your vehicle details at one of the parking terminals in reception **before** you go through to the Sports Hall.*

The tournament on Saturday will take place in the Main Sports Hall so head there on arrival and the registration desk will be just inside. The hall has 12 badminton courts. There is lift access to the upstairs facilities elsewhere in the sports centre.

On the Sunday, the Team Relay Event & Come & Try Beginners Badminton will be in the smaller "old" 6 court hall to the right of reception.

Toilet and Changing

Accessible toilet, changing and showering facilities are available at the venue.

Refreshments

At the moment the Café franchise operation at Medway Park is closed so please plan on bringing packed lunches/snacks etc with you. Vending machines provide the only current food and drink on site. Food and drink can be taken into the Sports Hall and consumed with care, providing you clear up after yourselves and use the bins provided.

Nearer the time, if the on-site café hasn't re-opened, we hope to gain permission to offer refreshments to competitors and spectators. Details of what we are allowed to provide will be included in the confirmation of your playing times, the week before the tournament commences.

Spectators

There is plenty of space available for spectators to sit around the courts. Spectators are kindly asked not to walk behind the courts whilst play is in progress.

Accommodation

There are plenty of accommodation options in the Gillingham area but the 2 closest options are:

King Charles Hotel - Brompton Road, Gillingham ME7 5QT, England
0.2 km from Medway Park
"Fairly pleasant. The weekend staff were all super friendly and helpful from the reception to the breakfast staff to the cleaners. The decor is seriously old, but everything was functional. Hot breakfast was good…"

Premier Inn Chatham/Gillingham (Victory Pier) Hotel
Blake Avenue, Gillingham ME7 1GB, England
1.0 km from Medway Park
"This hotel is spot on. Great stay, great parking, great location. Great value for money"

Transport

Car parking is available at the venue. Several bus routes service the Brompton Road. Gillingham train station is approximately 10 minutes walk from Medway Park.

First Aid and Medical

There will be first aid cover at the event provided by the venue hosts – Medway Council. A defibrillator is also maintained on site. Should the need arise, the sports centre staff will be responsible for calling the emergency services.

*It is the Head Coaches responsibility to ensure that **all** individuals attending the competition as part of their squad complete an Athletes Health Information. The Head Coach must keep a copy of this on them at all times during the competition.*

Insurance

The event is covered by third party liability insurance, through Badminton England.

Photos/Videos

The organisers of this event will be taking photographs and the local press will be invited to attend.

- Players who do not wish to be photographed/filmed can inform the organisers at the event and be provided with a wrist band to identify them to others.
- Anyone wishing to photograph/video should inform a tournament official, and they shall be informed of the following:
    - Individuals that do not want to be photographed//filmed can be identified by their wrist band.
    - Photographs and images must reflect the positive aspects of playing and enjoying badminton and players will be suitably attired.
    - Filming should only take place to the side or back of the court (dependent on access) and permission should be sought from the coach/parents of all players involved. Matches shall not be filmed if any one coach/parent objects to filming of their player.
    - Don't share or publish images/videos from the tournament online unless you have requested their permission.
- If you have any particular concern about being photographed or filmed, notify the organisers. Further guidance and best practice should be sought in the Safeguarding and Protecting Young People Guidelines.

Alcohol and Tobacco -just a reminder that **no alcohol or tobacco products** are allowed at this venue.

SPONSORS:

We couldn't hope to have set up this event without the financial support and help of the following organisations for which we are very thankful:

1) Kent Badminton Supporters Association who are providing volunteers to help run the event on the day.

2) Financial assistance from:

- Kent Sport
- The Geoff Rofe Memorial Fund – further donations gratefully received

3) Badminton England for free membership to all competitors plus provision of the medals (*Please clink on their link to see the benefits BE's free membership provides)*

3) Coaching support from:

- GB ParaBadminton
- Anders Disability Badminton Club
- Kings Recreation Centre - Canterbury Disability Badminton Club

Any support you can give these disability friendly organisations would be greatly appreciated !

Final Note - The closing date for entries is 14th May 2024.

If you do have any queries please email the Tournament Secretary, Jo Newson on joannanewson@yahoo.com or call 07775 863167

We look forward to seeing you on the **1st - 2nd June!**